

REMARKS

In this office action the Examiner stated, "The amendment filed July 5, 2005 referenced new drawing sheets, however, some of the drawing sheets are missing and those present do not appear to be the correct drawing sheets. Therefore, the new drawing sheets could not be addressed.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore the non-skid surface of the first and second sides of the first member (claims 4,5), the adjustable diameter of the ring in the second member (claim 9), the means to prevent slipping of the ring in the second member (claim 10) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered."

Applicant is submitting the drawings as they should have been filed in the previous amendment. These drawings are labeled as "Replacement Sheets". Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Further in the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner stated, The claim(s) contains subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art

to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Claim 9 recites an adjustable diameter but this is not shown and the specification does not describe how this is accomplished. Claim 10 recites a means to prevent slipping but this is not shown and the specification does not disclose any means for accomplishing this. Claims 11 and 12 are dependent on claim 10."

Applicant has cancelled claims 9-12 and, therefore, the rejection is rendered moot.


The Examiner indicated in the Office Action that claims 1-7, 13-18 and 22 were allowed.

In view of submission of Replacement Sheets for the drawings in question and the cancellation of claims 9-12 as well as the Examiner's indication in section 3 of the Office Action that claims 1-7 and 13-18 and 22 are allowed Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

In the event the Examiner has further difficulties with the examination and/or allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent for applicant by telephone at (412) 380-0725, if necessary, to resolve any

remaining questions or issues by interview and/or Examiner's
Amendment as to any matter.

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